

First Christian Reformed Church



Who We Are

Welcome to First CRC! We're glad you're here to worship with us today! By God's grace, we're a family of believers that has been gathering to worship God and serve others for some 100 years. We were established out of nearby Alto CRC, in 1921, and later in 1961, Bethel CRC in Waupun, started from members of First.

At First CRC, in Sunday worship and during the week, you'll find many historic and biblical practices of the Christian faith. Our leadership, elders and deacons and pastor, seek to keep these vibrant and relevant to Christians living in today's world.

Child Care and Student Ministries on Sunday Mornings

During worship, we have nursery care for children ages 0-2, and Children's Worship for children ages 3 through 4K. Children's Worship kids are dismissed halfway through the worship service. After worship parents should pick up their children on the upper level where these ministries take place. If you need to take a child out of the worship service for a bit, you may go to our Lower Level where there are two couches and a nearby bathroom. By the couches a TV is playing the service live.

Sunday School and Catechism for K – 12th graders is currently on summer break.

What We Believe

We subscribe to the historic Christian faith; the Bible is our final authority in faith and life; we also look by grace through faith alone to Christ alone for our salvation. For more details about what we believe and how we live out the faith, please visit our website (waupuncrc.com) or our denomination's website (crcna.org).

Our worship services are broadcast on our YouTube channel. Regular, large-print, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. Contact Lois Mulder in the office (waupuncrc@gmail.com) or Pastor Greg Schuringa (pastorgreg@waupuncrc.com) for anything else related to First CRC, including membership, our ministries, as well as what we believe and practice. Please join us for coffee and conversation near our main entrance each Sunday before and after worship.

9:30 AM Worship Service

* Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Worship: "10,000 Reasons" "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Installation of New Elders and Deacons

*Song of Commitment: "I Love Your Church, O Lord" G510

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Local Budget and PAVE

Children ages 3 through 4K are invited to Children's Worship

*Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Message: "Ephesians #7: God is Able"

*Song of Response: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" G460

*Benediction

*Doxology: "O Worship the King" G428:1, 5

*Postlude

Taking part in worship today:

- Worship Leader and Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
- Accompanist: Brenda Hofman
- Percussion: Hanna Marra
- Worship Team: Pastor Greg; Brenda Hofman (piano); Elsa Homan, Jessica Ten Pass, Abby Vree (vocalists)
- Media Team: Cayden Ruis, Jake Van Herwaarden, Rachel Hoffman
- Coffee: Mike and Bonnie Vander Berg
- Children's Worship: Jenna Mulder, Casey Homan, Jonah Mulder
- Nursery: Becca Vree, Jenna Mulder, Tirzah Ritzema
- Transportation: Bob Mulder
- Ushers: Ryer Greenfield and Ben Mulder

Missionary Letters

Ben Mulder to Neen/Angel

Bob Mulder to Chaplain Pete*

*Pray especially for this missionary family this week.

Giving to First CRC

If you feel led to give to our church's ministry, please place your donation in the offering bags passed by the deacons during the service. All loose cash offerings will go to the Faith Promise Fund the first Sunday of the month and the month's special offering the remaining Sundays (PAVE for June), while any loose and undesignated checks will go to the local budget. Budget envelopes will



go to the designated funds. Online giving is also available, just scan the QR code here. Please talk to a deacon if you want more information about giving to First CRC.

	May	Fiscal YTD (7/1 to 5/31)	YTD Budget (7/1 to 5/31)	% of YTD Budget
General Fund	\$22,549.73	\$296,276.10	\$325,449.50	91.04%
Building Fund	\$533.03	\$8,346.24	\$30,222.50	29.38%
Classical	\$1,018.59	\$10,792.95	\$22,855.25	47.22%
Denominational	\$928.63	\$12,523.13	\$22,916.67	54.65%
Faith Promise	\$1,133.18	\$14,418.74	\$13,200.00	109.23%
Most Needed	\$8,326.70	\$77,409.09	N/A	N/A
Benevolent	\$483.74	\$32,104.16	N/A	N/A
ELIM (Monthly Cause)	\$2,249.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total *	\$40,086.80	\$540,525.11	N/A	N/A

* Total is all offerings received including designations to specific funds not listed above

Our Family

As you pray this week, please remember the following:

- **Rachel Hoffman**, chemotherapy treatments over the next number of months.
- **Norm Jansma**, treatments for chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- **Margaret Miedema**, spinal surgery healing, voice still recovering.
- **Shirley Otto**, recovery from a sprained back.
- **Rhonda Schouten**, scheduled knee replacement surgery on June 30.
- **Ken Ten Pas**, health and strength.
- **Nancy Wierenga**, thanks that an epidural treatment has been moved up to June 23 from July 10 and prayers that it will bring relief from her pain.
- **Gregg Zonnefeld**, chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

The Schuringa family invites the First CRC family to join in their daughter Hannah's wedding to Brady Loerop this coming Saturday at 4 PM in the church sanctuary.

Thank you so very much for your donations totaling \$1,499.50. These gifts enable us to meet the needs of those in our community who can use a helping hand.

- Waupun Area Food Pantry

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the congregation for your prayers, cards, calls, and texts during Dan's recovery from knee surgery and infection. Your love and support have been a great comfort to us, and we feel truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. A special thank you to Pastor Greg, and to elders Mike VanderBerg and Dan Scheuers, for your visits, prayers, and encouraging messages. Your care and presence meant so much to us. *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* — Galatians 6:2

- With gratitude, Dan & Gladys Montsma

Camp Calvin: Parents, if your child(ren) are going to Camp Calvin, the deacons will reimburse the registration cost. Please give a copy of the registration to either a deacon or Keren Derksen.

Church News

Upcoming Worship Highlights

- July 6—New Members welcome
- July 27—Outdoor Worship service with Potluck Lunch at West End Park
- August 3—Lord's Supper in Worship

First CRC will again be providing our community's kids with a FREE Bag Lunch at the NEW Community Table the week of July 14. Please consider donating items or volunteering your time for this impactful program! A Sign-Up Genius link was sent out via email with the various ways you can help. If you have any questions, please reach out to Beth Schlieve (920-382-7917).

Congratulations! to Rev. Peter Hofman who recently made the Colonel promotion list. He will have an official ceremony to pin on the Colonel rank in February.

At our Congregational Meeting this past Monday evening, the following were elected to the office of elder to serve a three-year term: Joe Durant, Ken Homan, and Steven Homan. The following were elected as deacons: Cayden Ruis and Eric Shaver. Their term of office will officially begin on July 1. We thank God for those retiring from a three-year term of office: Keith Buwalda, Bob Mulder, Dan Scheuers, Tyler Jansen, and Mitchell Vree. As they conclude their term of service at the end of June there will naturally be a time of transition from retiring officebearers to the new officebearers taking up their assignments.

At a meeting of the 2025-2026 Council after the Congregational Meeting the following were elected to serve as Council officers on the Executive Committee for the upcoming year: Al Venhuizen (Chair), Mike Vander Berg

(Vice Chair), Steve Homan (Clerk), Kirk Van Buren (Deacon Chair), Adam Franken (Deacon Secretary).

We would like to have a few more teachers for our Children's Worship program. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve as a Children's Worship teacher. This important and fun role allows you to share your faith and nurture the spiritual growth of our youngest members. Contact Mackenzie Mulder if you're interested or have any questions.

The 3rd Life Group Olympics will take place TODAY at 4:00. The whole family is invited for a variety of games that will offer some friendly competition for all levels and supper afterwards. We will provide paper products, brats, hot dogs, and drinks. We are asking life group members to bring food as well. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please talk to Gary, Katie, Mike, or Bonnie.

Friendship Club (Ministries) is a local organization supported by First CRC and Bethel, that seeks to help disabled individuals stay closer to Christ. Friendship is currently seeking passionate individuals to help with this program. Males are encouraged to help out. If this is your calling, please contact Jean Jansen.

Community News

Emanuel Lutheran's Annual Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 22, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 107 South Prairie St. Brandon, WI 53919 (Emanuel's Church Basement) Menu: Hot Turkey and Sloppy Joe Sandwiches, Chips and Potato Salad, Ice Cream & Strawberries with Cake or Torte. Free Will Offering. The Church is Handicapped Accessible. Funded by Thrivent Financial.

Office hours: Thursdays, 10 AM to 2 PM

All announcements are due in the office by noon Thursday

Phone: 920-324-2898 - email: waupuncrc@gmail.com

PO Box 32, Waupun, WI 53963

Calendar

Today: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship Service

**REACH Waupun is Hosting the
Annual School Supply
Distribution Event!**

WHAT:

SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION IS OPEN TO ANY WAUPUN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CWC STUDENT WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES. EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A BACKPACK AND A BAG OF GRADE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES.



WHEN:

AUGUST 12 FROM 9AM THRU 1 PM

WHERE:

ROCK RIVER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (SMALL GYM)

to make an online donation please go to www.reachwaupun.org - fundraiser - school supply distribution

Questions? Contact REACH Waupun at 920-325-2011 or
info@reachwaupun.org

Next Week

Accompanist

Lois Mulder

Coffee

Al and LeAnne Holden

Children's Worship

Mackenzie Mulder, Emily Aalsma,
Levi Holbach

Nursery

Aubryn DeJager, Beth Schlieve,
Tirzah Ritzema

Livestream

Scott Ritzema

PPT

Katie DeJager

Sound System

Joe Bresser

Transportation

Bob Mulder

Ushers

Tom Jonker, Brian O'Donovan

Care Group	Elder	Deacon
1	Keith Buwalda (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
2	Brian O'Donovan (2026)	Tyler Jansen (2025)
3	Bob Mulder (2025)	Adam Franken (2027)
4	Mike Vander Berg (2027)	Mitch Vree (2025)
5	Dan Scheuers (2025)	Andy Schlieve (2027)
6	Al Venhuizen (2026)	Mike Hoffman (2026)
7	Brad Schouten (2026)	Kirk Van Buren (2026)
8	Darrall Schaver (2027)	Andy Schlieve (2027)

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul - Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul - I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1: The sun comes up it's a new day dawning - It's time to sing Your song again - Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger - Your name is great and Your heart is kind - For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing - The end draws near and my time has come - Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1: When I fear my faith will fail - Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail - He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold - Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold - He must hold me fast

Chorus: He will hold me fast - He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so - He will hold me fast

Verse 2: Those He saves are His delight - Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight - He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost - His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost - He will hold me fast

Verse 3: For my life He bled and died - Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied - He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life - He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight - When He comes at last

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Greetings from the Philippines!

We are so grateful for the opportunity to share an update on our ministry.
It is an immense honor to serve alongside you.

The Lord has richly blessed our ministry. We've witnessed remarkable growth in the men who have come to know the Lord, seeing them transformed daily by His Word. Their gratitude is a constant source of encouragement to us. They are a true blessing. They also expressed deep appreciation for the sanitation kits provided, which have been especially helpful to those whose families live far away and cannot regularly provide their needs.

Please continue to pray for those men, particularly those who are ill. May they continue to live for Christ even after their release.

We also recently visited elderly individuals and a woman with mental illness, bringing them food and offering prayers. May the Lord bless them as they strive to follow Him, even amidst the challenges of aging and illness. Even in physical challenges, yet we praise God for His continued strength and healing.

We are deeply thankful for your prayers and unwavering support. May the Lord richly bless you for your generosity. May His blessing continue to overflow upon you and your family.

In Him, Neen and Angel

Sermon Notes